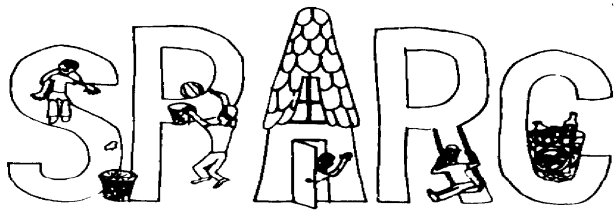


“Neighbors In Action Means Future Satisfaction”
“Vecinos en Accion Significa futura Satisfaccion”



Sept. 2014

STARLIGHT PARK AREA REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC.,
P.O. Box 23282, Phoenix AZ 85063

Website: www.azcorner.com/SPARC E-mail: sparcneighbor@yahoo.com

We are a non-profit, 501(c)(3) neighborhood association, organized in September, 1991, by a handful of concerned and dedicated neighbors who came together because they were concerned and disturbed with criminal and gang activity, increased graffiti and declining property values, due to blight and trash. SPARC is dedicated to the continual safety, crime prevention, blight control and improvement of our quality of life in our square mile containing approximately 2500 homes. Our boundaries: 75th Avenue to 83rd Avenue; Thomas to Indian School

Somos una organización sin fines de lucro, 501 (c) (3) asociación de vecinos, organizó en septiembre de 1991, por un grupo de vecinos interesados y dedicados que se unieron porque estaban preocupados y perturbados con la actividad criminal y su pandilla, el aumento y la disminución de graffiti valor de las propiedades, debido a la plaga y basura. SPARC se dedica a la seguridad continua, la prevención de la delincuencia, el control del tizón y la mejora de nuestra calidad de vida en nuestra kilómetro cuadrado contiene aproximadamente 2500 hogares.

Nuestros límites: Avenida 75 a la Avenida 83, a Thomas Indian School

Next SPARC Community Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 16th 7-8:30 PM, Starlight Park Baptist Church, 7901 W. Osborn Rd.

Presentation: Avondale Police Chief Dale Nannenga - Protecting the Elderly Through Block Watch

WELCOME 2014-2015 SPARC Executive Board:

President: Jeff Metcalf, Vice President: Sandy Bradford, Secretary: Angela Harris, Treasurer: Cathy King McGarry

50/50 Tickets! 6 tickets for \$5 OR \$1 Each (Winner gets half; the other half goes back to SPARC)

Refreshments & Water Provided! Misc. Hand Outs!

****Mark Your Calendars – Oct. 21st Presentation: Commander Kurtenbach, Marvale Precinct – Phoenix Police Dept. Update****

Phoenix Block Watch Advisory Board Community Meeting, Sept. 23, Mountain View Police Precinct, 2075 E. Maryland Ave, 6:30pm-8:30pm - Emergency Preparedness with Kevin Kalkbrenner and Sharyn Zlotnick

Call 9-1-1 When you see a Crime in Progress, call Crime Stop: 602-262-6151 For non-emergency situations
IF YOU are aware of on-going crime or suspicious neighbors or crime/safety issues near your home or in another area, it is your responsibility to contact our Community Action Officers:
Officer Mario Lozoya, 602-495-0931; Mario.Lozoya@phoenix.gov and
Officer Tony Cuciti, Anthony.Cuciti@Phoenix.gov,
Wk: (602) 495-5300, Cell: (602) 708-3641
Take care of your family; get to know your neighbors – watch out for each other.

Congratulations to the **Amigo Center's May ESL Class** of more than 60 Adults! SPARC is proud of you!
Thanks to all the teachers and to the students!
Keep up the great work!

Pinky's Pop-Top Project
Bring all the Pop-Tops You've been saving over the summer to the Sept. Meeting.

Just for fun:



We are Proud to Partner With Our Local Community Partners:
Starlight Park Baptist Church, 623-849-3312,
Calvary United Methodist Church, 623-849-1676,
Starlight Park Elementary School 623-691-4700; and
Amigos Community Center – Lucas S. Cabrera, Program Director, Wesley Community Center, 602-252-5609, lcabrera@wccphx.net, www.wccphx.net

Some famous “lefties” Ty Cobb, Benjamin Franklin, Judy Garland, Herbert Hoover, Leonardo Da Vinci, Paul McCartney, Michaelangelo, Cole Porter, Babe Ruth, Harry Truman, Jimi Hendrix & many more....

Coffee With A Cop
Thurs. Sept. 25, 6-7:30pm, Carpenter's Union Hall, 4547 W. McDowell Rd. Come visit with your Maryvale, Estrella Mountain, Central City & So. Mountain Phoenix Police Officers & members of the Executive Staff to receive updates on important department news.

What's Good In the 'Hood'
Call **Mick**, handy man @ 623-692-1161
Contact **Cliff** @ crusineliff@hotmail.com; he can fix almost any computer problem AND the fee is donated to SPARC
Contact **Sandy**, 623-247-1480, e-mail sange.sb@gmail.com for male/female hair cuts, color, shampoo, sets & up-do's.
She's also an expert on composting!

Moving? Contact Mario @ 602-348-6613 – Fast Action Movers, Insured & Bonded, Reasonable Rates;
E-mail sparcneighbor@yahoo.com if you have a service you want listed in our Oct. Newsletter
Looking for employment? Try: www.employmentguide.com; www.snagajob.com; www.idealists.org;
For City of Phoenix Jobs: sign up at <http://phoenix.gov/jobs>

MedReturn Drug Collection Unit (Made in the USA)
A safe prescription drug disposal system to collect unwanted or expired household prescription, over-the-counter and other unused medications. Provides an easy to use community drug collection receptacle for take back programs.

NOW available Now at the Maryvale Precinct! 6180 W. Encanto Blvd.
Bring your unwanted or expired prescription, over-the-counter and other unused medications to the Maryvale Precinct and drop them off in the collection unit located in the lobby!

Drugs..Did You Know? 60% of drug overdoses are from prescription drugs? “Molly” the name used in a popular song does not mean a girl’s name? It stands for the “molecule” in heroin and ecstasy. Research these websites to find out more: Jointogether.org, www.casafamilyday.org, and, Google: NBC News – Heroin.
More information at Sept. 16th meeting.

Here Are Some Ways Parents Can Help Their Children Avoid Drugs... Be a STAR!

- S- Spend time with your kids
- T- Talk to them about their friends, interests and the dangers of nicotine, alcohol, and other drugs
- A- Answer their questions and listen to what they say
- R- Recognize that YOU have the power to help keep YOUR kids substance free!
AND become more educated on the dangers of All drugs...so you can share the information with those you love.

VISION without action is merely a dream. ACTION without vision just passes the time.
VISION with ACTION can CHANGE THE WORLD!

What is Nextdoor????????????

According to the Pew Research Institute, 28% of Americans do not know a single neighbor by name. Nextdoor, the private social network for neighborhoods, was created to help build stronger neighborhoods, provide secure ways to connect with neighbors to stay informed, share useful local information, keep the neighborhoods safe by encouraging neighbors to look out for each other and provide a way to send updates regarding active or suspicious criminal activity.
Nextdoor’s mission is to bring back a sense of community to neighborhoods everywhere.

Ray Hodges (SPARC’s PNP Chairperson) and Carol Hobbs (SPARC member) helped start Nextdoor in the SPARC area in June and so far we are 46 members strong and growing! It's the easiest way for neighbors to connect and communicate, to talk online and help improve our quality of life in our community. And it's free.

Our members and neighboring communities have shared information about:
Criminal activity in and around the SPARC area; community events; free books, cats, dogs and furniture; lost dogs,
Credible local businesses; local members offering assistance for computer repairs;
PNP trainings and other informative neighborhood news.
Future SPARC Nextdoor Ideas & Announcements:

- SPARC Neighborhood meetings, clean-ups, special projects to improve our area, building a stronger relationship with our faith-based organizations, schools, local businesses, city departments and sharing useful community information.
- Plans for watching for and reporting speeders on Osborn and other streets around our school and area.
- What can you think of that will help us to get to know each other, help improve our community and help reduce crime?
Nextdoor and SPARC believe that:
 - strong neighborhoods not only improve our property value, they improve each one of our lives.
 - that amazing things can happen by just talking with the people next door.
 - We are SPARC Nextdoor, bringing our community together to improve our quality of life.
 - **Password-protected websites**
 - Each website is password-protected and not accessible by search engines.
 - **Only real neighbors allowed**
 - Each member must verify their address to join so you know you can trust who you are sharing with.
 - Your personal information is safe. We will never share your information with third parties.

HOW YOU CAN JOIN: Nextdoor is available on the web and iPhone and Android devices. To join Nextdoor SPARC visit www.nextdoor.com to create your account and sign in. It’s that simple!

Stressed Out? Less Stress Means a Healthier Heart... Try..
*To accept things you can’t change. You don’t have to solve all of life’s problems
*Try to come up with good solutions to problems; ask for help when you need it.
Do you have some tips to share? Em to us!

SUICIDE...is one of the top concerns in the U.S. If you are aware of anyone, any age, you think may be considering suicide, please contact:
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
Go to www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org for more information.
Don’t stand by while it happens; don’t be the one that says:
“I knew I should have done something”

SPARC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ E-Mail _____

Please send your check or money order (\$5.00 Per Person, Per Year) to SPARC’s P.O. address,
OR bring to the Sept. meeting! Your membership is good for one year upon receipt & helps to pay for the necessities that our Grant does not cover. All information provided to us will be kept confidential. THANK YOU!

Thank you for your continued support & encouragement!